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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1, 10 and 19	US 2002/0013691 A1 (WARNES) see figures 4 and 8 for example
A		EP 0730226 A2 (HAL) see figure 3 and column 5 lines 19 to 55
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